RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 07. OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the need for a highly intensive, coordinated and energized economic development effort to recruit new business activity is a priority, and

WHEREAS, there is a demonstrated need for a single point of contact for business, developers, site locators, and infrastructure improvements supporting the growth of business and commerce throughout LaPorte County, and

WHEREAS, coordinated efforts related to long-term planning, engineering, and infrastructure investments are critical to the future success of LaPorte County, and

WHEREAS, LaPorte County shall consolidate departments and staff for a more efficient and effective use of resources, and

WHEREAS, the undersigned believe that creation of a "Center for Economic Development, Planning & Governmental Affairs" with its own dedicated office space, consultants and staffing is an important step to signal to existing business and business prospects that county government is creating a single office for those seeking information and assistance with planning, engineering, zoning, land use, infrastructure, job training, targeted tax incentives and other related site assistance,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAPORTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT:

- 1. There is hereby created a LaPorte County "Center for Economic Development, Planning & Governmental Affairs". Office space in the County Annex will be designated and assigned immediately.
- 2. The Center for Economic Development, Planning & Governmental Affairs shall work with and cooperate with existing local economic development corporations, city and town governments, labor, and business leaders in the sharing of "leads" and business prospects and will be the key point of contact for business decision makers and site locators seeking assistance in LaPorte County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____day of January 2023

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA

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